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The Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill
Speaker of the House of Representatives
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

Submitted herewith, pursuant to the provisions of
5 U.S.C. 552(d), is the report of the Central Intelligence
Agency concerning its administration of the Freedom of
Information Act (FOIA) during calendar year 1982.

During 1982, 2,278 requests for information were logged
and put into processing by the Agency, of which 1,010 were
handled under the Freedom of Information Act. Several hundred
additional request letters were received during the year but
not formally processed pending receipt of additional
information from the requesters. These incomplete requests
were, without exception, requests for access to personal
records, which, under the Agency's regulations, are usually
processed under the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974
(5 U.S.C. 522a) rather than the Freedom of Information Act.
Production/workload statistics for CY 1982 are enclosed at Tab
A. (Some of these statistics are necessarily tentative inasmuch
as we sometimes have to reactivate "closed" cases or are able
to "close out" cases retroactively.)

During CY 1982 the number of requests for information
decreased by 752. Nevertheless, the Agency maintained its
large expenditure of manpower on Freedom of Information,
Privacy, and Executive Order requests, devoting the equivalent
of 128 full time employees to this effort, despite the critical
need to apply the expertise of our intelligence professionals
to the Agency's primary mission. The dollar costs for
personnel to sustain this effort amounted to over $3.7 million.
Of this total, 59% ($2.2 million) was devoted to FOIA. During
CY 1982 we were able to reduce our backlog of initial cases by
364, some of which were among the more complex cases that were
contributing to the logjam in our queue system. Equally
encouraging is the reduction in the number of cases awaiting
processing in the administrative appeal phase. This year the
Agency was able to reduce this backlog to 65 cases.

The administrative burden to the Agency over the past
years has been considerable. Since 1975 we estimate that the

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